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California Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Introduction of AB 1146

Dear Chairwoman and Commissioners,

This letter is to inform you of the introduction of AB 1146 which seeks to amend the Political Reform Act of 1974 to conform the state campaign contribution and expenditure reporting threshold of \$100 to the \$200 federal threshold. The current state threshold of \$100 was established more than 30 years ago. By 2010 estimates, \$100 indexed to reflect inflation is approximately \$440. AB 1146 is a common-sense measure which eliminates confusion between federal and state reporting requirements, and will garner greater participation by small donors in future elections.

AB 1146 reflects suggestions of The Bipartisan Commission formed in 1998 as a result of legislation authored by Sen. Bruce McPherson. The report found that the threshold for disclosing receipts and disbursements on campaign reports should be raised to generally reflect inflation. The Commission also received public testimony asking that the Political Reform Act's reporting requirements be simplified. The Commission's final recommendation was to match the state's threshold with federal threshold of \$200.

Taking these suggestions into account, AB 1146 is a common-sense measure which seeks to eliminate confusion in reporting between federal and state contributions, and will allow greater participation by small donors in future elections. I look forward to working with staff and the Commission to reach a support position on AB 1146.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Norby".

Assemblyman Chris Norby
72nd Assembly District